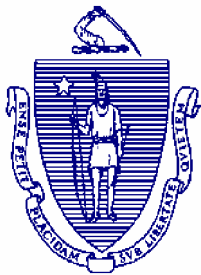


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, June 2007



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

VAWA FFY2007 Application for Grant Funds (for current STOP grant recipients only)

Application Deadline: June 26, 2007

Administered through the Executive Office of Public Safety, the VAWA Program promotes a coordinated and integrated approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violence against women, with a partnership among law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and non-profit victims programs. The FFY2007 VAWA STOP grant funds are available to applicants that are current recipients of STOP grant funding (FFY2006) and are bidding to continue the same program. It is estimated that approximately \$2,200,000.00 will be available for distribution in the FFY2007 grant cycle. For more information: http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/programs/fjj/vawa/FFY2007_vawa_stop_grant_agf.doc.

2006-2007 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: August 13, 2007

The Highway Safety Division, a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety within the Office of Grants and Research, is announcing the open enrollment of high visibility traffic enforcement grants for local police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." Join more than 200 local police departments currently part of this grant program which began in December 2006 and continues through Labor Day 2007.

For more information: www.mass.gov/ghsb

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Application Deadline: June 15, 2007

“The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is seeking applications from private organizations (including faith- and community based nonprofit community organizations) to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children, by developing public education programs to promote community awareness of Project Safe Childhood and developing and delivering Internet safety training and education.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/PSCPrograms.pdf>.

OJJDP FY2007 Juvenile Drug Courts/Reclaiming Futures

Application Deadline: June 20, 2007

“The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation are collaborating to enhance the capacity of units of government to serve substance-abusing juvenile offenders by developing and establishing juvenile drug courts conjointly with the Reclaiming Futures program model. They seek applications for programs that enhance the capacity of communities to provide intervention, treatment, and structure to young people whose lives have been impacted by substance abuse and delinquent activity. State and local governments, state and local courts, and Native American tribal governments acting directly or through agreement with other public or private entities are eligible. There are four awards of up to \$425,000 each for a project period of four years; a 25% match is required.” For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/JuvDrugCourt.pdf>.

OJJDP FY2007 Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program

Application Deadline: June 22, 2007

“The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is seeking applications from public agencies and private organizations (including faith- and community-based organizations) with existing anti-gang strategies to enhance coordination of local, state, and federal anti-gang resources. Funding is available to support salary and related expenses for coordinators with responsibility for organizing and overseeing anti-gang activities under two or more of the following strategies: primary prevention, secondary prevention, gang intervention, and gang enforcement. Awards will be made to support coordination of community-based anti-gang strategies.” For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2007/GangPrevention.pdf>.

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Application Deadline: June 25, 2007

“The Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program helps local communities to improve the capacity of local justice systems and provides for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs. Funds can be used for demonstration, replication, expansion, enhancement, training, and/or technical assistance programs. Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith and community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/07ByrneDiscSol.pdf>.

FY2007 Methamphetamine (Meth) Initiative

Application Deadline: June 29, 2007

“The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has approximately \$47 million available in FY2007 to provide funding to law enforcement agencies for a clear and demonstrated plan for implementing comprehensive anti-meth strategies. There is no local cash match requirement under this grant program.” For more information: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=240#METH>.

Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) 2007 Application Period Extended

Application Deadline: June 29, 2007

“The Department of Homeland Security has announced that in order to accommodate all applicants, the CEDAP program application period will remain open until June 29, 2007. This is a 30-day extension. The FY 2007 CEDAP will provide equipment, equipment training, and equipment technical assistance valued at approximately \$33.7 million to first responder organizations across the nation. This competitive program is a direct assistance program, not a grant program, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide the equipment and technical assistance directly to the selected jurisdictions. Eligible applicants include law enforcement agencies, fire, and other emergency responders who demonstrate that the equipment will be used to improve their ability and capacity to respond to a major critical incident or work with other first responders.”

For more information: <http://www.rkb.mipt.org>

COPS FY2007 Technology (Tech) Program

Application Deadline: June 29, 2007

“The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has approximately \$159 million available in FY2007 to provide funding to law enforcement agencies for the procurement of technology that focuses on data information-sharing and/or an enhancement of voice interoperability with regional, state and Federal partners. A 25% local cash match is required.” For more information: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=240#TECH>.

FY2007 Community Policing Development (CPD)

Application Deadline: July 2, 2007

“The U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) seeks applications to fund a variety of initiatives designed to advance the practice of community policing nationwide. This program furthers the Department’s mission by addressing the goal of assisting local, tribal, and state efforts to enhance public safety. Applicants are eligible to submit more than one application, but each application must focus on only one of the priority areas. There is a \$500,000 award ceiling.” For more information: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1987>.

Data Resources Program 2008: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data

Application Deadline: July 16, 2007

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is requesting proposals to replicate previous findings and conduct original research extending data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). NIJ is interested in secondary analysis to understand crime and inform criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. Research proposals should either replicate original findings or, preferably, extend research by testing new hypotheses with existing data. NIJ will give preference to research that asks compelling crime and justice questions rather than research that furthers statistical methods or technical refinement of data sets.” For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000792.pdf>

Research on Sex Offenders: Risk Prediction Models and Effectiveness of Residency and Boundary Restrictions

Application Deadline: July 16, 2007

“The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding studies of risk prediction models and the effectiveness of residency and boundary restrictions for sex offenders in the community.” For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000782.pdf>.

Research and Publications

Gun Violence Among Serious Young Offenders

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) recently published this guide as part of the *Problem-Specific Guide* series. This guide identifies a series of questions to help law enforcement analyze the severity of young offender gun violence in their area; reviews various law enforcement responses to the problem of gun violence; and evaluates the success or failure of these responses from research and police practice perspectives.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/ric/Publications/e0507882.pdf>

Veterans in State and Federal Prison, 2004

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released this research report using data collected from the *2004 Survey of Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities* to detail the military and criminal backgrounds, substance abuse and dependence histories, and mental health problems of incarcerated veterans. Also included in the report are comparisons of U.S. incarceration rates for veterans vs. non-veterans and a trend analysis of the prevalence of military service among inmates. Access full text: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/vsfp04.pdf>

Federal Resources on Missing and Exploited Children: A Directory for Law Enforcement and Other Public and Private Agencies, 5th Edition

This directory, developed by the Federal Agency Task Force for Missing and Exploited Children and issued by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is a collection of the federal services, programs, publications and training sessions that address child sexual exploitation issues, child pornography, child abduction, Internet crime, and missing children cases.

Access full text: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/216857.pdf>

Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)

The National Institute of Justice recently released this *In Short* fact sheet on Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), the digital transmission of voice communications through a data network based on Internet Protocol (IP). The fact sheet explains the potential benefits of the two categories of VoIP that are specifically relevant to public safety, and details considerations that need to be reviewed before implementation. [Access full text: http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/217864.pdf](http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/217864.pdf)

Mental Health Screens for Corrections

This National Institute of Justice report details two projects to create and validate effective mental health screening instruments to be used by corrections staff during prisoner intake. The two short intake questionnaires created by the researchers have both been found to accurately identify inmates requiring mental health interventions. [Access full text: http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/216152.pdf](http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/216152.pdf)

Robbery of Convenience Stores

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) recently published this guide as part of the *Problem-Specific Guide* series. This guide clarifies the problem of convenience store robberies and reviews factors that increase its prevalence. In addition, it also identifies a series of questions to help law enforcement analyze the severity of convenience store robberies in their area; reviews various law enforcement responses; and evaluates the success or failure of these responses from research and police practice perspectives. [Access full text: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/ric/Publications/e0407972.pdf](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/ric/Publications/e0407972.pdf)

Conferences and Trainings

National Center for Victims of Crime's National Conference - Advancing Practice, Policy and Research

June 18-20, 2007 in Washington, DC

This conference, a joint effort of the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) and the National Crime Victim Bar Association, will show you how to advance practice, policy, and research within the crime victimization field. Workshops will address a wide range of topics, including: violent crime, collaboration, financial/property crime, underserved populations, direct services, trauma/resilience, violence against women, and media/outreach.

For more information: http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_2005NationalConference571

2007 National Homicide Investigation Conference

June 21-22, 2007 in Arlington, VA

This training, sponsored by the Law Enforcement Development Center and the Performance Institute, is designed to help your investigations team upgrade strategies, identify the latest emerging issues, and master the most effective interrogation techniques. The event speakers include Dr. Robert Keppel, primary investigator in the Ted Bundy murder cases, FBI Agent Brad Garrett, lead investigator in the Chandra Levy homicide, and Don Clark, lead investigator for the FBI's top-10 fugitive "Railcar Killer". Sessions topics will include: task forces, gang-related homicides, investigation tactics, crime analysis, and interrogation techniques.

For more information: <http://www.performancweb.org/brochure/1246-jb.pdf>

Anti-Spyware Coalition Third Public Workshop

June 27, 2007 in Cambridge, MA

The Anti-Spyware Coalition is offering a one day public meeting at Harvard University Law School bringing together anti-spyware software companies, academics, and consumer groups to provide a diverse array of perspectives on the problem of controlling spyware. Keynote address by Steve Gibson of Gibson Research Corporation, a security software firm. Law enforcement, government employees, and non-profit employees can attend for free. Registration is online at <http://www.antispywarecoalition.org/register>

“Train the Trainer” Workshop

July 19, 2007 in Salem, MA

The Essex County District Attorney’s Office is offering a 2 hour “train the trainer” workshop on their heroin and OxyContin prevention education program, *Choose to Refuse*. The goal of this program is to help youth ages 13-18 to better understand the dangers of these drugs and learn ways to refuse them. The training will be held from 11am-1:30pm; lunch and a copy of the curriculum will be provided. Please call Kate Keyes or Diane Steele by July 11 to register (978 745-6610 x 5085 or 5082).

The 2007 NIJ Conference

July 23-25, 2007 in Arlington, VA

The National Institute of Justice Conference spotlights what works, what doesn’t work, and what the research shows as promising. A special track of panels will be featured this year, titled “Forensic DNA: Tools, Technology, and Policy,” and will address current and future needs of DNA crime laboratories and new technological innovations. Researchers interested in criminal justice, policymakers responsible for shaping public safety or social services, practitioners in criminal justice, and students interested in criminal justice issues are invited to attend.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.html

2007 National Forum on Criminal Justice & Public Safety

July 29-31, 2007 in Chandler, AZ

This forum, presented by the National Criminal Justice Associate, the IJIS Institute, and the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), will showcase innovative programs and technologies addressing issues currently challenging law enforcement and justice practitioners in states, localities, and tribal nations. The theme this year is “*Crossing Boundaries – Strengthening the Foundations for Justice*.” For more information: <http://www.ncja.org/Content/NavigationMenu/EducationEvents/2007NationalForum/default.htm>

Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy

July 29-August 3, 2007 in Beverly, MA

The Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy (MVAA) is a public/private partnership under the leadership of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA), funded by the Office for Victims of Crime of the U.S. Department of Justice. The MVAA will provide victim advocates with a 5-day, 40 hour, comprehensive and truly innovative learning experience. For more information, email: Amy.Todeschini@state.ma.us

8th National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention
September 19-21, 2007 in New Orleans, LA

This conference, hosted by the National Children's Advocacy Center, aims to educate attendees about state-of-art child sexual abuse and exploitation prevention practices. Presenters include those who work in schools, communities, outreach with offenders, research, and public awareness campaigns. This is a tuition-free conference and the deadline to apply is July 6, 2007.

For more information: http://www.nationalcac.org/professionals/trainings/prevent_conference.html

News

Cops: 3 Strikes, You're Out!

The Boston Herald, May 5, 2007

The Boston Herald reports that Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis will implement a new policy that would remove police officers from the force after three suspensions. The policy change will include a "last-chance agreement" after any officer is suspended for the second time.

Access full text at: <http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=198495>

Patrick Unveils Anti-Crime Plan

The Boston Globe, May 11, 2007

According to the Boston Globe, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick has proposed a \$15 million statewide anticrime plan that includes \$11 million in community safety grants under the Senator Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative and \$4 million to hire and train new police officers. The community safety grants cover a range of programs and are to be awarded to communities based on violent and property crime risk assessments, the percentage of youth between the ages of 15 and 19, and the number of young homicide victims. Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/05/11/patrick_unveils_antcrime_plan/.

Police Recruiting Draws a Surge in Applicants

The Boston Globe, May 14, 2007

A recent surge in the number of potential Boston police recruits can be accredited to an extraordinary advertising campaign and bold face-to-face persuasion tactics, reports the Boston Globe. The dramatic increase in applicants means that the department can now afford to be more selective with recruits, specifically in attempts to diversify the ranks and overcome corruption. Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/05/14/police_recruiting_draws_a_surge_in_applicants/.

Council OKs Sex Offender Ban

The Republican, June 5, 2007

The Springfield City Council gave the first of three required approvals to an ordinance amendment that will ban Level 2 and 3 sex offenders from living within 500 feet of a school and limit where else in the city they can go, reports The Republican. Establishing and amending an ordinance requires three approvals, Councilor Timothy J. Rooke said that he expects the final two approvals to come on June 18. Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/republican/stories/index.ssf?/base/news-8/1181032271100530.xml&coll=1>.

Announcements

Northeast Regional Homeland Security Rollout Event

June 26, 2007 in Beverly, MA

The Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC) is sponsoring a one-day event to rollout various equipment items to first responders, showcase the northeast region's first operational regional equipment cache site and demonstrate resources available to the northeast region's first responders. This event will be held at Beverly Emergency Management, 43 Airport Road, Beverly, MA. For more information: <http://www.nerac.us/index.php>

First Choice Class Action Settlement

To all persons who purchased, used, or use a First Choice bullet-resistant vest containing Zylon®, you may be entitled to receive cash refunds or new NIJ certified vests at no cost. For more information and to see which vests are included in the settlement: <http://www.firstchoiceclassaction.com/>

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